

Ask the Chief of the Anna Police: A weekly column allowing readers access to useful information about law enforcement issues in the Anna area.

This column is the personal opinion of Kenny Jenks and is based on his 29+ years of policing experience. It is not necessarily the official opinion of the City of Anna or the Anna Police Department. If you wish to Email, include your name and address in the correspondence. Your information will be edited before sending it to print.

Hello Readers,

I receive between 75-100 Emails each week from persons who would like to converse about the activities of the police in Anna and surrounding areas. I can't respond to or print all of them, but I do read them!

Great turn out at the Anna Christmas Parade on Saturday, the 11th.

Q: Chief, I apologize if this is a recycled question that has been answered before but we're new residents as of July. We live in Oak Hollow and often need to make a left on 455 to go to 75. There is a slight hill to the east of Oak Hollow's entrance, making for a blind spot for traffic heading west. I know there have been many accidents on 455, and I know that it will be widened at some point, but in the meantime is there anything the city can do to reduce the speed limit from 55 to something more logical? Since it's a FM road it may take the state to be involved but your department could hold sway and speed up the process. Thanks. George—Oak Hollow

Hello George,

We have often believed that the 55 mph speed limit between US 75 and the intersections of Westfield and Willow Creek to be high. However, TxDOT has total jurisdiction on the set speed limits, which they have set based on traffic counts and speed surveys that they conducted some time ago at our request.

I will forward this Email to the area Engineer at the McKinney TxDOT office and see if they believe that an up-to-date traffic survey might suggest that the speed limits need lowering. It will depend on whether the traffic counts have increased as to whether a change is made.

See you next week.

Reminder: Outdoor Storm Sirens Tested (weather permitting)
First Wednesday of the month @ 12 noon.

***Phone numbers: Dial 911 in an emergency.** To have a police officer sent to you in a non-emergency, call 972-547-5350. During normal business hours, the APD number is 972-924-2848.

If you have a question or comment, please email: kjenks@annatexas.gov